

Antkind: Annotated
(edited by David Hernandez)
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1. “What has the mighty sea thrown up to us?” (page 2)
 - a. [1896 Monster of St. Augustine](#) is the name given to a large carcass, originally postulated to be the remains of a gigantic octopus, that washed ashore on the United States coast near St. Augustine, Florida in 1896.
2. “I paint red in solidarity with Australia’s Polished Man movement and also to cover a minor but horribly unsightly fingernail abnormality called *sailor nail*.” (page 16)
 - a. [Polished Man](#) aims to raise awareness and fundraising by encouraging men to paint one fingernail from October 1st through the 15th. By painting one fingernail, they represent the one in five children who experience violence.
3. [Magister Ludi](#) (page 36) is also known as The Glass Bead Game, a German novel published in 1943.
4. [Dendroarchaeology](#) (page 37) is a term used for the study of vegetation remains, old buildings, artifacts, furniture, art and musical instruments using the techniques of tree ring dating.
5. [2008 Passover margarine shortage](#) (37) During the 2008 Passover season, kosher-for-Passover margarine in the United States was short in supply due to several issues, leading to a scramble among kosher consumers to obtain the staple since it features prominently in many Passover recipes.

6. “My mind travels a thousand miles an hour, careening wildly from topic to topic. It is a thing I must work on, stilling this monkey mind,” (49)
 - a. [Monkey mind](#) is a Buddhist term for our restless and confused mind, a metaphor adopted by other traditions.
7. [2 Kings 2:23-24](#) (page 53)
 - a. Boys call Elisha “baldy” and are mauled by bears.
8. “a metaphor for the [1918 union of Romania with Transylvania](#), Bukovina, and Bessarabia.” (69)
9. [Harry Einstein](#) (page 84) died shortly after delivering his monologue during a roast in honor of Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz.
10. [Dick Shawn](#) (page 84) had a heart attack and died on stage.
11. “I activate the Nameless Apenessness of my soul” (86)
 - A. This is a reference to [A Drunk Man Looks at the Thistle](#) poem.
 - B. This is the same page Ingo dies.
 - C. The Nameless Ape is mentioned again on page 254.
 - D. The full stanza is quoted on page 335: *And Jesus and a nameless ape / Collide and share the selfsame shape / That nocht terrestrial can escape?*
12. [Alexander Pope’s epitaph for Newton](#) (page 89)
 - a. “Nature and nature's laws lay hid in night; God said ‘Let Newton be’ and all was light.”
 - b. Alexander Pope also wrote the eponymous poem for ESOTSM.
13. “I am Brod now.” (90)
 - a. [Max Brod denied Kafka’s wish](#) to burn his unpublished works after this death.

14. "Criticism is the windows and chandeliers of art: it illuminates the enveloping darkness in which art might otherwise rest only vaguely discernible, and perhaps altogether unseen" – George Jean Nathan (90)
15. "James O'Neill was forced to spend his later years portraying the Count of Monte Crisco to atone for something or other to do with vegetable shortening." (page 91)
- a. Perhaps it had nothing to do with vegetable shortening, but [O'Neill played the Count of Monte Cristo 6,000 times](#), accused of "selling out."
16. "The Campotini ant is enslaved by the fungus *Ophiocordyceps unilateralis*" (96)
- a. [Ophiocordyceps unilateralis](#) is a fungus that impacts ant behavior and is known to destroy entire colonies. When *O. unilateralis*-infected ants die, they are mainly located in regions containing a high density of ants which were previously manipulated and killed. These areas are termed "graveyards" and can be of 20 to 30 meters in range.
17. [1924 Trunko Globster](#) (99)
- a. Trunko is the nickname for a large unidentified lump of flesh or a decomposed sea creature, a so-called "globster", reportedly sighted in Margate, South Africa on 25 October 1924.
18. [Action of 9 November 1822](#) (page 99) was a naval battle fought between the United States Navy schooner USS Alligator and a squadron of three pirate schooners off the coast of Cuba.
19. Jean Cocteau was once asked what he would take from his home if it was on fire, and he responded, "I would take the fire." (109)
20. "Jain Insect Hospital in Delhi" (123)

- a. There is a [bird hospital in Delhi](#) founded in accordance with Jain principles and funded primarily by Jains' charity.
21. [Theodicy](#) (139) is a philosophy book by Gottfried Leibniz that introduced the term theodicy, and concerns "the problem of evil" (why a good God permits evil).
22. Descartes (page 158)
- a. [Meditations on First Philosophy](#)
 - b. [Dream argument](#) is the postulation that the act of dreaming provides preliminary evidence that the senses we trust to distinguish reality from illusion should not be fully trusted, and therefore, any state that is dependent on our senses should at the very least be carefully examined and rigorously tested to determine whether it is in fact reality.
23. "the lost Gogol books might've changed this world for the better" (160)
- a. [On the night of 24 February 1852](#) Gogol burned some of his manuscripts, which contained most of the second part of *Dead Souls*. He explained this as a mistake, a practical joke played on him by the Devil. Soon thereafter, he took to bed, refused all food, and died in great pain nine days later.
24. [Block universe theory](#) (161) supposes that the past, present and future are all equally real and existent.
25. "I track down our high school yearbook on [piningforlostyouth.com](#)" (167)
- a. [Piningforlostyouth.com](#) redirects to a bicycle safety movie on YouTube.
26. [The Warp](#) by Neil Oram (170) is a real-life 22-hour play.

27. “H.G. Wells, the racist!” (171)
- a. [The Lord of the Dynamos](#) is a short story by Wells that displays racist attitudes in the narration. [Story here](#).
28. “Methinks thou doth protest too much” (181)
- a. ["The lady doth protest too much, methinks"](#) is a line from the play *Hamlet* by William Shakespeare.
29. “Art attracts us only by what it reveals of our most secret self” – Jean Luc Godard (205)
30. [David Manning](#) was a fictional film critic credited to The Ridgefield Press. The pseudonym was created by a marketing executive and used in the early 2000s to give consistently good reviews for releases from Sony subsidiary Columbia Pictures. (205)
31. “the eleven skipped days of 1752” (213)
- a. [1752 Calendar Riots](#) – In September 1752, England transitioned from the Julian Calendar to the Gregorian Calendar, which caused people who went to sleep on Sept 2 1752 to wake up on Sept 14 1752.
32. “There is no there, there.” – Gertrude Stein (215)
33. “Thus we wander through a perpetual minute bombardment of impressions from the outer world...” (216)
- a. B. is quoting [The Reconstruction of Mind: An Open Way of Mind-Training](#) by Esmé Cecil Wingfield-Stratford, who B. also admires as a great British cricketer.
34. “Perhaps all the dragons in our lives are princesses who are only waiting to see us act, just once, with beauty and courage.” -- poet Rainer Maria Rilke (223)

35. "Sororium Obsequious much?" (223)
- This is possibly a reference to the ['slave women' sex cult](#) that involved Smallville and Battlestar Gallatica actresses.
36. "Kanada, from India, first expounded atomism in the sixth century BC." (224)
- [Kanada](#) was an ancient Indian natural scientist and philosopher who is known for developing the foundations of an atomistic approach to physics and philosophy in the Sanskrit text Vaiśeṣika Sūtra.
37. "Ibn al-Haytham founded optics in the tenth century." (224)
- [Ibn al-Haytham](#) wrote the "Book of Optics" during 1011-1021. Referred to as the "father of modern optics," he was the first to explain that vision occurs when light reflects from an object and then passes to one's eyes. He was also the first to demonstrate that vision occurs in the brain, rather than in the eyes.
38. "[Nasir al-Din al-Tusi](#) created an accurate table of planetary movements in the 13th century." (224)
39. [1876 Kentucky Meat Shower](#) (229) was an incident occurring between the hours of eleven and twelve o'clock for a period of several minutes on March 3, 1876, where what appeared to be chunks of red meat measuring approximately 2 by 2 inches (5 cm × 5 cm); with at least one being 4 by 4 inches (10 cm × 10 cm) fell from the sky in a 100-by-50-yard (91 by 46 m) area near the settlement of Rankin in Bath County, Kentucky.
40. "There are no North American antelopes." (248)
- The song 'Home on the Range' is inaccurate i.e. "Where the deer and antelope play."
 - [No antelope species occur in the Americas](#). North America is currently home to the native pronghorn, which taxonomists do not

consider a member of the antelope group, but which is often locally referred to as such (e.g., "American antelope").

41. "The moon is 237,000 miles away." (255)
42. "Piff and Jambito, who died for their country back in 1958 in the long covered-up, horrifying NASA monkey explosion. (258)
 - a. This is a fictional instance of [a real phenomenon](#). RIP Alberts I,II,III,IV,V.
43. "He had a kid called the [the Lindbergh Baby](#)." (260)
 - a. In 1932, Charles Augustus Lindbergh Jr., 20-month-old son of aviators Charles Lindbergh and Anne Morrow Lindbergh, was abducted from his crib, and murdered.
44. "Updike's novelization of *Fun in Balloon Land* is devastating, beautiful, haunting." (262)
 - a. [Fun in Balloon Land](#) is an obscure, no-budget 1965 children's movie that is essentially documentary footage of a Philadelphia Thanksgiving parade with a 15-minute scripted prologue.
45. "The whole Three Christs of Ypsilanti thing." (272)
 - a. [The Three Christs of Ypsilanti](#) is a book-length psychiatric case study by Milton Rokeach, concerning his experiment on a group of three paranoid schizophrenics who each believed himself to be Jesus Christ. (272)
46. ["Jesus thinking he's Jesus is not a sign of mental illness."](#) (272)
47. "to paraphrase the brilliant Dr. Angelou, still I rise." (274)
 - a. ["Still I Rise"](#) is a poem by Maya Angelou that B. uses to refer to his erection during a job interview.

48. "A stork in a Western Union messenger cap slogs through a stormy sky, dangling a bundle from its beak." (276)
- a. Western Union 'Storkgrams' to announce births existed as described by B., and can be found via Google Image Search.
49. [Gavrilo Princip](#) caused World War I (277)
50. "I consider what Hemingway said..." (284)
- a. [Out of Season](#) is a short story written by Ernest Hemingway and his first attempt at using the 'theory of omission' aka [The Iceberg Theory](#)
51. "[Be still, my soul, be still; the arms you bear are brittle](#)" -- poem by A.E. Housman (288)
52. "the love affair between pirates [Anne Bonny and Mary Read](#)" (295)
- a. Bonny & Read were trailblazing lovers & badass pirates in the early 1700s.
53. "We are all isolated, even from ourselves. Our own molecules do not even touch each other." (315)
- a. B. attributes this quote to [Rick Feynman](#).
 - b. The jury is still out whether [our atoms touch each other](#).
54. "If we lose love and self-respect for each other, this is how we finally die." – Maya Angelou (317)
55. "What deranged [Pandaora's box](#) will I be opening?" (322)
56. "[Chairs That Look Like Giant Hands](#)" (325)
57. "The Black Dahlia was Elizabeth Short." (327)
- a. [Elizabeth Short](#) was an American woman who was found murdered in Los Angeles in 1947. The murder remains unsolved.

58. "It is a dark knight of the soul, as Francis Scott Key once sang. No, not Key, *Fitzgerald*." (332)

- a. [Dark Night of the Soul](#) is a poem written by the 16th century Spanish mystic Saint John of the Cross.
- b. In his 1945 collection of essays, *The Crack-Up*, F. Scott Fitzgerald penned his famous line, "In a real dark night of the soul it is always three o'clock in the morning."

59. "Discalced Joe Jackson" of Eight Men Out (332)

- a. B. is referring to Shoeless Joe Jackson, of the infamous '[Chicago Black Sox' scandal](#), who threw the 1919 World Series.

60. [1900 Galveston Hurricane](#) (334)

61. "Sometimes I think my head is so big because it is so filled with dreams." – The Elephant Man by Bernard Pomerance (337)

- a. B. says his head is "so big because it is so filled with knowledge."

62. [Andy Warhol's movie Sleep](#) (339)

- a. Sleep is a 1964 American avant-garde film by Andy Warhol. Lasting five hours and 20 minutes, it consists of looped footage of John Giorno, Warhol's lover at the time, sleeping.

63. "I stop by Yoko Ono's Wish Tree" (343)

- a. [Wish Tree](#) is an ongoing art installation series by Japanese artist Yoko Ono, started sometime after 1981.

64. "It is my wish to bring the same level of genius to criticism that Picasso and Braque brought to painting with [Cubism](#)." (343)

65. “There is currently only one other wish tied to the tree: *Bicycle*. – *Jim Carrey*.” (343)
- a. Jim Carrey has told [this anecdote](#) in a few interviews that he prayed for a bike in the 2nd grade and received one two weeks later.
66. “The tale of the butcher who slaughtered three children to sell for food comes to mind. [Saint Nicholas resurrected them](#),” (348)
67. “I am not heeding Thomas Dylan’s advice to not go gently into that good night. Dylan Thomas” (349)
- a. [Do not go gentle into that good night](#) – poem by Dylan Thomas
68. [Les Chants de Maldoror](#) translated by Guy Wernham (350)
69. “I think therefore I am” [[Cogito, Ergo Sum](#)] – Descartes (352)
- a. B. says “Without memory, one does not exist... I remember, therefore I am.”
70. “a punishment worthy of [Tartarus](#)” (353)
- a. In Greek mythology, Tartarus is the deep abyss that is used as a dungeon of torment and suffering for the wicked and as the prison for the Titans.
71. [Borel Set](#) (353)
72. “It’s an Avenue of Infinite Regress and I haven’t got all day.” (359)
- a. An [infinite regress](#) is a series of appropriately related elements with a first member but no last member, where each element leads to or generates the next in some sense.
73. “Some guy is selling a pair of swirling hypno-eyeglasses, never worn. It’s the saddest ad I’ve ever seen.” (361)
- a. This is a reference to the [infamous six-word novel](#),

For Sale:
Baby shoes.
Never worn.

74. [1947 crash of Eastern Air Lines Flight 605](#) (370) killed 53 passengers and crew in what was then the worst disaster in the history of North American commercial aviation.

75. “Listen to the cry of a woman in labor at the hour of giving birth — look at the dying man's struggle at his last extremity, and then tell me whether something that begins and ends thus could be intended for enjoyment.” – Soren Kierkegaard (370)

76. “...my position on the Hegel-Schlegel spectrum finds me firmly planted in a synthesis of the two opposing camps.” (370)

- a. [German Idealism, Romanticism](#), Irony, etc. is a deep well.
- b. B. mentions [Irony and Idealism: Rereading Schlegel, Hegel, and Kierkegaard by Fred Rush](#)

77. “It is not Ingo’s fault that he wouldn’t have know a Bechdel Test if it jumped up and bit him on the nose.” (373)

- a. [The Bechdel Test](#) is a measure of the representation of women in a work of fiction. It asks whether a work features at least two women who talk to each other about something other than a man.

78. “I am the only one to do it without the support of a party. George Washington doesn’t even count because he didn’t have to run, they tell me. They appointed him! Nobody knows that.” (382)

- a. [George Washington is the only independent to win the U.S. presidency](#). It was, in fact, an election, not an appointment.

79. “There were several other presidents who were not elected.” (382)

- a. [There have been nine U.S. Presidents who became president without having been elected president](#), although some won a re-election; the list includes Gerald Ford, who is the only person to be both VP and President without having been elected for either position.

80. “I have become very rich, richer than creases (I never really understood what that meant).” (395)

- a. Trump means [richer than Croesus](#), the ruler of Lydia in Asia Minor in the 6th century B.C., who was legendary for his vast wealth.

81. “Maurizio Cattelan also does my toilets.” (396)

- a. [America](#) is a sculpture created in 2016 by the Italian artist Maurizio Cattelan. An example of satirical participatory art, it is a fully functioning toilet made of 18-karat solid gold.

82. “Are you familiar with the teachings of Viola Spolin?” (407)

- a. [Viola Spolin Theater Games](#) “train actors in the art of theatrical improvisation” – considered the sacred text of Improvisation.

83. “You’ve heard of Ice Queens and Frigid Women?” (415)

- a. I’m not sure if this is a reference to labels coined by Internet subcultures, personality types based on pseudoscience, or the popular [Myers-Briggs Type Indicator](#).

84. “[Mansplaining](#) is bad enough...” (416)

85. “It is the love of Tristan und Iseult, of Abelard und Heloise, of Romeo and Juliet.” (430)

- a. [Tristan and Iseult](#)
- b. [Abelard and Heloise](#)
- c. [Romeo and Juliet](#)

86. "[Tsara daholo ny zava-drehetra](#)" is Malagasy for "Everything is fine."
(442)

- a. [Malagasy](#) is the national language of Madagascar.

87. "F. Scott Fitzgerald was wrong and there are indeed second acts in American lives," (448)

- a. Fitzgerald writes "There are no second acts in American lives" in his notes for his posthumously-published novel, *The Last Tycoon*. But in his 1932 "My Lost City" poem, he writes, "[I once thought that there were no second acts in American lives](#)", but there was certainly to be a second act to New York's boom days."

88. [Leviticus 10:1](#) (452)

- a. Aaron's sons offer strange/unauthorized fire to the Lord and are devoured.

89. "Hmong Animists of Cambodia Under the Reign of King Sihanouk" (453)

- a. [Norodom Sihanouk](#), King of Cambodia
- b. [Hmong Animism](#)

90. "Tungusic Manchu Shamanists in Qinyuan, Qianlong, Kuancheng, and Fengcheng Under Mao" (453)

- a. Manchu folk religion (aka [Manchu shamanism](#)) is the ethnic religion practiced by most of the Manchu people, the major-Tungusic group, in China.
- b. Qinyuan, Qianlong, Kuancheng, and Fengcheng are [Manchu autonomous counties](#) in China.

91. "Rooney and Doodle, as carpenters in Hell, sing a song to [Dolores del Rio](#) as [Beelzebub](#)." (454)

92. [Bonnie and Clyde](#) (456)

- a. The couple were prolific robbers and traveled the Central United States with their gang during the Great Depression and ‘public enemy era.’ They are believed to have murdered at least nine police officers and four civilians. They were killed in May 1934 during an ambush by police.

93. [Leopold and Loeb](#) (456)

- a. The pair, who perceived themselves as examples of Neitzchse’s supermen, kidnapped and murdered a 14-year-old boy as part of their plan to execute a “perfect crime.”

94. [Burke and Hare](#) (456)

- a. The Burke and Hare murders were a series of 16 killings committed over a period of about ten months in 1828. The duo sold the corpses for profit during a cadaver shortage.

95. 616 is the actual number of the beast, not 666 (458)

- a. [Hexakosioihexekontahexaphobia](#) is the fear of the number 666.
- b. 616 is “the onetime area code of Betsy Devos and her evil brother Erik Prince,” (459). This is a reference to their residence in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

96. [3 Maccabees 2:29](#) (459)

97. “shelling peas on a pea farm in Tunisia, dancing the cancan in the Folies Bergere, my happy childhood as a slave laborer in a Venusian mining colony.” (465)

- a. [Tunisia’s desertification causes new acacia farms](#).
- b. [The Folies Bergere](#) is a cabaret music hall in Paris.
- c. [Colonization of Venus](#)

98. [Steinberg’s iconic New Yorker cover](#) (467)

- a. B. mistakenly refers to Steinberg as David instead of Saul.

99. "It is not an appointment in Samara." [sic] (473)
- a. [Appointment in Samarra](#) is a 1934 novel about self-destruction, culminating in suicide.
100. "As did Werner Herzog to the hundreds of chickens in all of his films..." (480)
- a. Werner Herzog has [strong opinions](#) about [chickens](#). On different occasions, he says "the enormity of their stupidity is overwhelming" and the most "horrifying, nightmarish creatures in the world."
101. "Je ne sai quoi" (484) is a quality that cannot be adequately described, named or expressed.
102. [The Secret Life of Walter Mitty](#) (487) is short story by Jimmy Thurber.
103. "I hope you are not an example of the offensive Magical Negro," (487)
- a. Magical Negro trope is a term popularized by Spike Lee, referring to a black supporting character in fiction who, by use of special insight or powers often of a supernatural or quasi-mystical nature, helps the white protagonist get out of trouble. [There are many examples](#).
104. "I loved Hanna-Barbera's animated series Willibald and Winibald" (489)
- a. Brothers [Willibald](#) and [Winibald](#) are Catholic saints, born in the 8th century.
105. "the difference of Proxima Centauri as compared to Alpha Centauri A" (491)

- a. [Proxima Centauri](#) is a small, low-mass star located 4.2465 light-years away from the Sun.
 - b. [Alpha Centauri](#) is the closest star system and closest planetary system to Earth's Solar System at 4.37 light-years from the Sun. Alpha Centauri A is the principal member.
 - c. The difference is 4.243 light years.
106. [Arm-Fall-Off Boy](#) is a DC comic book hero with the ability to detach his own limbs and use them as blunt weapons. (496)
107. “My doppelganger is Frederick Hart to my Maya Lin. Mmm. Maya Lin.” (504)
- a. [Maya Lin](#) was a 21-year-old undergraduate when she won a competition to design the Vietnam Memorial.
 - b. [The Three Soldiers](#) is a bronze statue by Frederick Hart, part of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.
108. [“Eidetic memory”](#) is a myth.” (506)
109. “I pride myself on my knowledge of dog breeds, having read extensively in the Systema Naturae of Linnaeus as well as the AKC’s breed standard guides for judges.” (509)
- a. [Systema Naturae](#) is one of the major works of the Swedish botanist, zoologist and physician Carl Linnaeus and introduced the Linnaean taxonomy.
 - b. American Kennel Club has [study guides](#) for judging dog breeds.
110. “There is no blame, as our ancient Chinese friend Lao Tzu might have said.” (510)
- a. This is a reference to [Verse 79](#) of the Tao Te Ching
111. [“The Cover of Rolling Stone”](#) – song by Dr. Hook and the Medicine Show (512)

112. [“The Entertainer”](#) song by Billy Joel (512)
113. [“Dr. Demento](#) or [Dr. Dre](#) or even [Dr Kevorkian,”](#) (513)
114. “the clown from [Captain Kangaroo.](#)” (517)
115. “her driver’s license: Laura Elaine Cohen.” (518)
- a. Unclear if this is a reference to [Elaine Cohen](#), American researcher in geometric modeling and computer graphics, known for her pioneering research on B-splines.
116. “Commissioner Al Rappaport! Of course!” (520)
- a. Unclear if this is a reference to [Al Rappaport](#), an American economist best known for developing the idea of shareholder value, in his book Creating Shareholder Value.
117. “as revolutionary a notion as Jerry Lewis’s Video playback system... Gary Lewis and the Playboys, who is Jerry Lewis’s own son, told me this.” (533)
- a. [Video assist](#) is a system used in filmmaking which allows filmmakers to view a video version of a take immediately after it is filmed.
- b. Comedian and director Jerry Lewis is widely credited with inventing the precursor to Video Assist.
- c. [Gary Lewis and the Playboys](#)
118. [Stephen King’s Christine](#), “the demon car movie” (534)
119. [“TV journalist Christine Chubbuck shot herself on air](#) during her Florida local nightly news show in 1974.” (534)

120. [A koan](#) is “a paradoxical statement within Buddhist tradition designed to encourage a person to think outside of their familiar patterns of thought.” (535)
121. The Dalai Lama’s real name is Tenzin Gatso. Richard Gere is a devotee and friend of the Dalai Lama. (535)
122. “a ridiculous parody of the work of Henry Darger?”
a. [Henry Darger](#) (537) was an outsider artist who gained notoriety after his posthumously discovered 15,145-page, single-spaced fantasy manuscript called *The Story of the Vivian Girls, in What Is Known as the Realms of the Unreal, of the Glandeco-Angelinian War Storm, Caused by the Child Slave Rebellion*, along with several hundred drawings and watercolor paintings illustrating the story.
123. “the cosmos exists on credit! ...” (541)
a. [The Weapon Shops of Isher](#) is a science fiction novel by A.E. Vogt.
124. “I am reminded of the so-called Eyes of God, two massive eye-shaped holes in the ceiling of the [Bulgarian cave Prohodna](#).” (543)
125. “[Freedom isn’t free](#).” (551)
126. “[the Diggers](#), a group of proto-anarchists active during the English Civil War who believed in the abolition of wages and the free distribution of goods and food to all of their followers.” (552)
a. [The True Levellers Standard Advanced](#) is their most famous pamphlet and manifesto.
127. “Can Bosch’s *The Garden of Earthly Delights* exist fully, or even make any sense at all...?” (566)

- a. [The Garden of Earthly Delights](#) is a triptych oil painting on oak panel painted by the Early Netherlandish master Hieronymus Bosch, between 1490 and 1510.
128. [Weregild](#) (569) also known as man price [blood money], was established on a person's life, paid as a fine or compensatory damages to the family when that person's life is taken or is otherwise injured.
129. [Moksha](#) (569) is a term in Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism and Sikhism for various forms of emancipation, enlightenment, liberation, and release. In its soteriological and eschatological senses, it refers to freedom from saṃsāra, the cycle of death and rebirth.
130. [Teddy Boy](#) (569) - a mainly British subculture of young men wearing clothes partly inspired by the styles worn by dandies in the Edwardian period, which Savile Row tailors had attempted to re-introduce in Britain after the Second World War.
131. Au pied de la lettre (569) is French for “literally”
132. [Psephology](#) (570) is the "quantitative analysis of elections and balloting". As such, psephology attempts to scientifically explicate elections. Psephology is related to political forecasting.
133. [Karezza](#) (570) is a gentle, affectionate form of intercourse that doesn't end in orgasm.
134. “Don Baker in Butterflies Are Still Free Again.” (576) is a reference to the play [Butterflies Are Free](#).
135. Mal de mer (583) means seasickness
136. “Like [the faces](#) of the Hindu god Brahma? Like the [One Mind](#) of Huang Po? (585)

137. "Black of black. As in a painting by [Ad Reinhardt](#), it is the negation of form." (587)
138. "Robert Fludd with his attempt in [Utriusque Cosmi](#) to depict utter darkness by inserting [a page of simple black](#) into his text," (587)
139. "Laurence Sterne's double-sided page of black In [Tristram Shandy](#) to mourn the death of Yorick a page earlier," (587)
140. "parodistic blackness of Paul Bilhaud's 1882 painting [Combat de Negres dans un Tunnell](#) (587)
141. "Kazimir Malevich's 1915 monochromatic [Black Square](#)." (587)
142. "A grouping of cockroaches is called an intrusion." (588)
143. "A group of butterflies is called a kaleidoscope." (590)
144. "[the Ramones did not wear Ramones T-shirts](#)." (592)
145. "My wailing reaches some kind of [Tuvan throat-singing](#) level," (592)
146. "if jumping from the Golden Gate Bridge, the surface of the water would feel like hitting cement. [I think I read that](#)." (595)
147. [Nietzsche's idea of eternal recurrence](#) (595)
148. "The 'everywhen' of the Aboriginal Dreamtime" (596)
- a. [The Dreaming](#) is a term devised by early anthropologists to refer to a religio-cultural worldview attributed to Australian Aboriginal beliefs.
 - b. "One cannot 'fix' The Dreaming in time: it was, and is, [everywhen](#)." – W.E.H. Stanner

149. “I stumbled upon Plato’s Allegory of the Cave and found myself terrified that perhaps I, too, was a prisoner facing away from the truth.” (597)

- a. [Plato’s Allegory of the Cave](#) describes a group of people who have lived chained to the wall of a cave all their lives, facing a blank wall. The people watch shadows projected on the wall from objects passing in front of a fire behind them and give names to these shadows. The shadows are the prisoners' reality, but are not accurate representations of the real world.

150. “Curtis Vonnegut, Jr., who, in the mid-twentieth century, wrote of the chrono-synclastic infundibulum, a space-time dimension in which one could be everywhere/everytime at once.” (604)

- a. B calls him Curtis instead of Kurt, who wrote the 1959 novel [The Sirens of Titan](#), where characters enter [Chrono-synclastic infundibulum](#), a strange dimension where they can see past, present and future together.

151. “legend has it he lives among the Oromo people of Ethiopia” (605)

- a. [The Oromo people](#) are a Cushitic ethnic group and nation native to Ethiopia and Kenya who speak the Oromo language. They are the largest ethnic group in Ethiopia.

152. “Murray just threw the book across the room again, this time hitting his cat Schrodinger and perhaps killing him.” (605)

- a. [Schrödinger's cat](#) is a thought experiment that illustrates an apparent paradox of quantum superposition. In the thought experiment, a hypothetical cat may be considered simultaneously both alive and dead as a result of being linked to a random subatomic event that may or may not occur.

153. “no doubt baked by the monstrous Constanze Manziarly for the führer himself.” (607)

a. [Constanze Manziarly](#) was Hitler’s cook. (607)

154. “Quod Erat Demonstrandum” (612)

a. [Q.E.D.](#) is an abbreviation placed at the end of a mathematical proof or philosophical argument in print publications to indicate that the proof or the argument is complete, and hence is used with the meaning "thus it has been demonstrated."

155. “I know this is film because the top of my head was taken off.” (612)

a. B. misquotes Emily Dickenson who once said: “If I feel physically as if the top of my head were taken off, I know that is poetry.”

156. “a man dressed in some sort of Visigoth-Mongol hybrid slaughters a Tatar wearing pale white vampire makeup. “ (619)

a. [The Visigoths](#) were an early Germanic people who, along with the Ostrogoths, constituted the two major political entities of the Goths within the Roman Empire in Late Antiquity, or what is known as the Migration Period.

b. [The Mongols](#) are an East Asian ethnic group native to Mongolia and to China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region. They also live as minorities in other regions of China (e.g. Xinjiang), as well as in Russia.

c. [The Tatars](#) is an umbrella term for different Turkic ethnic groups. Initially, the ethnonym Tatar possibly referred to the Tatar confederation. That confederation was eventually incorporated into the Mongol Empire when Genghis Khan unified the various steppe tribes.

d. [Mhachkay](#) is a creature somewhat similar to a vampire in Turkic (and especially Tatar) folklore.

157. "Stephen of Cloyes," (620)
- a. The [Children's Crusade](#) was a failed crusade by European Christians to regain the Holy Land from the Muslims in 1212. The crusaders left areas of Northern France, led by Stephen of Cloyes, and Germany, led by Nicholas. The traditional narrative is likely conflated from some factual and mythical events which include the visions by a French boy and a German boy, an intention to peacefully convert Muslims in the Holy Land to Christianity, bands of children marching to Italy, and children being sold into slavery.
158. "Tabura Zaroken Sehit Agit of Kurdistan" (620)
- a. The Kurdish Workers Party (PKK) is known to recruit child soldiers; one report says [the child battalion Tabura Zaroken Sehit Agit](#) was run by a committee of five children aged between 8 & 12 years.
159. [Luke 17:21](#) (620)
- a. Translated sometimes as "The kingdom of God is within you" or "The kingdom of God is in your midst" [physically, as Jesus says to the Pharisees]. The meaning is very different depending on the translation; could be another example of B. misunderstanding.
160. Alfred Nobel invented dynamite (621)
- a. B. erroneously claims Joseph Pulitzer invented dyn-o-mite.
161. "the nanny photographer lady or whatever" (630)
- a. [Vivian Maier](#) was an American street photographer whose work was discovered and recognized after her death.
162. "Were Guernica never seen, it would be nothing." (631)
- a. [Guernica](#) is a large 1937 oil painting on canvas by Spanish artist Pablo Picasso.

163. “the very fountain of youth that eluded Henri de Ponce de Leon.” (632)
- a. The [Fountain of Youth](#) is a mythical spring that restores the youth of anyone who drinks or bathes in its waters; the story became attached to the biography of Juan de Ponce de Leon in the 16th century.
 - b. B. mistakenly calls him Henri instead of Juan.
164. “Am I Rabelais?” (632)
- a. [Francois Rabelais](#) was a writer of satire, the grotesque, bawdy jokes, and songs; a major influence on Tristram Shandy, a novel referenced on page 587.
165. “I am the Marilu Henner of men,” (634)
- a. [Marilu Henner](#) is an American actress who has a highly superior autobiographical memory.
166. “Mel-Blanc-just-read-Stanislavski-for-the-first-time-performance” (635)
- a. [Mel Blanc](#) was an American voice actor who became known for his work in animation as the voices of Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck, Porky Pig, and most of the other characters from the Looney Tunes.
 - b. [Konstantin Stanislavski](#) was a seminal Soviet and Russian theatre practitioner.
167. “Aizen Myo’o, the Japanese diety, holds an unopened lotus flower in one of his/her six hands.” (636)
- a. [Aizen Myo’o](#) is a deity venerated in the Esoteric and Vajrayana Buddhist traditions.
168. “the 1937 Fox vault fire” (640)
- a. [1937 Fox vault fire](#) was a major fire that broke out in a 20th Century-Fox film-storage facility in Little Ferry, New Jersey, United

States, on July 9, 1937. One death and two injuries resulted from the fire, which also destroyed all the archived film in the vaults, resulting in the loss of most of the silent films produced by the Fox Film Corporation before 1932.

169. “the 1967 MGM vault fire, in which so many important films were lost, including the hypnotism masterpiece *London After Midnight*” (640)

- a. [1965 MGM vault fire](#) killed at least one person, and destroyed the entire contents of Vault 7 MGM Lot 3, archived prints of silent and early sound films produced by MGM and its predecessors. The only known copies of hundreds of films were destroyed.
- b. B. mistakenly says this fire happened in 1967.

170. “following the leads of *La Milo* and *Olga Desmond*” (641)

- a. [Venus de Milo](#) is an ancient Greek statue and one of the most famous works of ancient Greek sculpture, created between 130-100 BC.
- b. [Olga Desmond](#) was a German dancer, actress, art model and [living statue](#).

171. “Gainsborough’s *Blue Boy*,” (641)

- a. [The Blue Boy](#) is a full-length portrait in oil by Thomas Gainsborough.

172. “Caravaggio’s *Boy with a Basket of Fruit*,” (641)

- a. [Boy with a Basket of Fruit](#) is a painting generally ascribed to Italian Baroque master Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio.

173. “*The Dutch Boy Painter* by Lawrence Carmichael Earle” (641)

- a. [Lawrence Carmichael Earle](#) painted the Dutch Boy Painter in 1907, currently used as the logo for Dutch Boy Paints, subsidiary of Sherwin-Williams.

174. "Picasso's *Boy Leading a Horse*, which requires him to be naked and have a dead, taxidermic horse (also naked) onstage, the theater is raided by the police for 'combined human and animal vulgarity,'" (642)
- a. [Boy Leading a Horse](#) is an oil on canvas painting by Pablo Picasso that depicts a nude, unmounted figure leading a horse.
175. "I'd prefer to be attended to by Donald Sutherland." (643)
- a. Captain Benjamin Franklin "Hawkeye" Pierce was played by Donald Sutherland in the 1970 film, *M*A*S*H*, and played by Alan Alda in the TV series, *M*A*S*H*.
176. "There is an ancient Persian fable entitled 'The Monkey and the Bumblebee,'" (645)
- a. This is a reference to [The Scorpion and the Frog](#), whose message is the opposite of B's tale. The Scorpion does not act in his own self-interest. In B's fictional tale, the Monkey maintains that he does act in his own self-interest.
177. "Am I not a rational egoist in the mold of Max Stirner?" (645)
- a. [Rational egoism](#) is the principle that an action is rational if and only if it maximizes one's self-interest.
 - b. [Max Stirner](#) was a German philosopher who considered it irrational not to act in one's self-interest.
178. "the fascinating Kailpodh festival of the indigenous people of Kodagu." (647)
- a. [Kailpodh](#) is an annual festival where kodavas offer prayers to their weapons and guns.
 - b. [Kodagu](#) (also known by its former name Coorg) is an administrative district in the Karnataka state of India. Before 1956, it was an administratively separate Coorg State, at which point it was merged into an enlarged Mysore State.

179. "To the mind that is still, the whole universe surrenders" (650)
a. B. attributes this to Lao Tzu, but this verse isn't in any translations of the Tao that I know, and actually represents the opposite of Taoism?
180. "Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree." (650)
a. Martin Luther said this according to B. but it might be another example of a widespread misattribution.
181. "Photography takes an instant out of time, altering life by holding it still." -- Dorothea Lange (651)
a. This quote is widely attributed to Lange on the Internet, but I can't find the original source...
182. "I said to my soul, be still, and wait without hope, for hope would be hope for the wrong thing." (651)
a. This is an authentic poem, [Wait Without Hope](#), by T.S. Eliot
183. "a certain colony of 700,000 ants from the Sudan has been shown to possess an IQ higher than Marilyn vos Savant of *Parade* magazine." (656)
a. As a collective, [ants are very intelligent](#).
b. [Marilyn vos Savant](#) is an American magazine columnist, author, lecturer, and playwright. She was listed as having the highest recorded intelligence quotient (IQ) in the Guinness Book of Records, a competitive category the publication has since retired.
184. "[You Can Call Me Al](#)," song by Paul Simon (659)
185. "Life must be lived forward but can only be understood backward." (662)

- a. This is a form of a quote by Søren Kierkegaard who B. attributes to “some mysterious, extinct philosophizing creature” although he mentions Kierkegaard by name on page 370.

186. “This is how one pictures the angel of history. His face is turned toward the past.” (662)

- a. This quote is [Walter Benjamin talking about Angelus Novus](#), a 1920 painting by Paul Klee.

187. “A creature falling into a hole....would not seem the least bit funny” (663)

- a. B. falls into manholes throughout Antkind. Mel Brooks famously said, “Tragedy is when I cut my finger. Comedy is when you fall into an open sewer and die.”

188. “Katefthynsi tou chronou” (664) is Greek for ‘direction of time.’

189. “we have contemporaneous mention of him in the writing of Josephus” (665)

- a. [non-Christian sources](#) for the historicity of Jesus

190. “[A Drunk Man Looks at the Thistle](#)” (665) is a long poem by Hugh MacDiarmid written in Scots and published in 1926. B. mentions the Nameless Ape multiple times throughout Antkind.

191. “Truman holding up a newspaper saying Dewey beats him” (667)

- a. “[Dewey Defeats Truman](#)” was an incorrect banner headline on the front page of the Chicago Daily Tribune (later Chicago Tribune) on November 3, 1948, the day after incumbent United States president Harry S. Truman won an upset victory over his opponent, Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York, in the 1948 presidential election. It

was famously held up by Truman at a public appearance following his successful election, smiling triumphantly at the error.

192. “the brilliant feminist rallying cry of the 1970s, ‘A woman needs a man like a fish needs a bicycle’ [coined by the great 1930s American film actress Irene Dunn, no less!].” (669)

a. B. misattributes this quote to American actress Irene Dunn; actually [Australian activist Irina Dunn](#) said it.

193. [“Hypnotised” song by Coldplay](#) (669)

194. [“The Girl From Ipanema”](#) song (670)

195. “Is it that we share a similar cranial design and that by this similarity I infer a similar intelligence, a similar Weltanschauung?” (671)

a. [Weltanschauung](#) is a German word/concept for worldview.

196. “So runs my dream, but what am I?” (673)

a. [In Memoriam A.H.H.](#) is a poem by Alfred Tennyson.

b. The poem is better known for the line, “’Tis better to have loved and lost / Than never to have loved at all.”

197. “I personally think is gilding the lily.” (677)

a. This idiom, which means embellishing something that is already beautiful, originates from Shakespeare’s *King John*.

198. “a quick acronymic exploration of MICT reveals it to be the abbreviated term for Multiple Image Computed Tomography.” (681)

a. [MICT](#) is the method employed for reconstruction of images of two biological phantoms using measurement data produced by a synchrotron light source.

199. “my memories of Groebli and Mauch, the animated ice-skating monkeys,” (683)

- a. [Frick and Frack](#) (Werner Groebli and Hansruedi Mauch) were two Swiss skaters who came to the United States in 1937 and joined the original Ice Follies show as comedy ice skaters.
- 200. "the reverse chronology of my time rabies creatures," (686)
 - a. [Reverse Chronology](#) is a method of storytelling whereby the plot is revealed in reverse order.
- 201. "twenty five and a half millimeters is an inch" (686)
- 202. "According to Descartes, a brain is not a mind." (688)
 - a. [Mind-body problem](#) is a debate concerning the relationship between thought and consciousness in the human mind, and the brain as part of the physical body.
- 203. Toru Iwatani's Pac-Man was initially named *Pakkuman* (688)
- 204. [Déjà rêvé](#) means "already dreamed" (689)
- 205. [Déjà entendu](#) means "already heard" (689)
- 206. Robert Bannister ran [the first sub-four-minute mile](#) (689)
- 207. "my clathrate gun hypothesis," (690)
 - a. [Clathrate gun hypothesis](#) refers to a proposed explanation for the periods of rapid warming during the Quaternary. The idea is that changes in fluxes in upper intermediate waters in the ocean caused temperature fluctuations that alternately accumulated and occasionally released methane clathrate on upper continental slopes.
- 208. "perhaps a million years or myr," (690)
 - a. Myr is a unit of 1,000,000
 - b. [Myr v ma debate](#)

209. “As Mr. J. Lennon taught us, life is what happens while you are busy making other plans.” (695)

- a. B. attributes this quote to John Lennon, who popularized the words in his song [Beautiful Boy \(Darling Boy\)](#), but Allen Saunders said it originally in a 1957 issue of Readers Digest.

210. “I am now an abolitionist vegan.” (695)

- a. [Abolitionist vegan](#) is the animal rights based opposition to all animal use by humans.

211. “As Harry Rimmer expressed so eloquently in his defense of the veracity of the Bible: ‘The writers of the Bible are all dead and have been so for many generations. Their testimony was undisputed in the days when they were alive and could be called into question, and while other witnesses to these same facts were also living. It is a fact recognized by the laws of evidence that when the testimony of an eyewitness is not disputed in his own lifetime, that testimony is fixed for all time and is not subject to challenge by those who come after him.’ (703)

- a. [Harry Rimmer](#) was a prominent defender of creationism and tried to prove the veracity of the Bible. In the 1920s, he offered \$100 to anybody who could prove that the Bible was not inerrant.

212. “This is my plight, much as Dante’s fortune-tellers are damned to walk forever forward with heads facing backward, much like Lot’s wife, not even assigned her own name” (704)

- a. [Fortune Tellers in Dante’s Inferno](#) walk forward with their heads twisted backwards for eternity, blinded by their own tears, as punishment for trying to pry into the future.
- b. [Lot’s wife](#) became a pillar of salt after she looked back at Sodom.

213. “drunks and babies don’t get hurt in falls because they do not tense their bodies, having little ability to anticipate.” (704)

- a. [Why drunk people](#) don't get hurt in car crashes
- b. [Why babies survive](#)